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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF THE JSOP

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1. ON MARCH 20 WE RECEIVED FOR REVIEW THIS YEAR'S
FY80-87 JOINT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES PLAN (JSOP) UPDATE
AND WE WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE OUR CONCURRENCE ON THE
SAME DATE. UNLIKE PAST YEARS, WHEN EMBASSY CONCURRED IN
THE JSOP RECOMMENDATIONS, WE DECIDED THIS YEAR UNDER
CIRCUMSTANCES MENTIONED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE
TO DO MORE THAN TAKE NOTE OF THEM.

2. IN SO DOING, EMBASSY RECOGNIZES REQUIREMENT OF NEW
POLICY THAT WE STUDY EACH REQUEST FOR MAJOR DEFENSE
EQUIPMENT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. GIVING OUR FULL CON-
CURRENCE TO THE JSOP MIGHT IMPLY AGREEMENT WITH ALL OF
THE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED THROUGH FY87. IT
STRIKES US THAT CONCURRENCE IN THE JSOP WOULD TEND TO
PREJUDGE THE ISSUES CONTRARY TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE
AIMS OF THE NEW POLICY. WHETHER WE GIVE CONCURRENCE OR
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TAKE NOTE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY REQUIRES SUFFICIENT TIME
TO STUDY THIS DOCUMENT PROPERLY AS LONG AS IT IS A
VALID REQUIREMENT ON THE MISSION. IN THE PRESENT
CASE, THE TIME CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY CINCPAC AND JCS
GAVE US ONLY A FEW HOURS TO CONSIDER IT.

3. DEPARTMENT IS ALSO AWARE OF THE PROBLEM FACED BY

ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION HERE IN COPING WITH BURDENSOME REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AT A TIME WHEN THE NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL HAS BEEN GREATLY REDUCED. WE SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE (A) THAT THE DEPARTMENT LOOK TOWARD ELIMINATION OF SOME OF THE ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS LIKE THE JSOP IMPOSED UPON OUR REDUCED MAAG.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT THE RATIONALE FOR THE JSOP BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF THE NEW ARMS TRANSFER GUIDELINES WE HAVE RECEIVED AND IN LIGHT OF OUR POLICY TO CONTINUE REDUCING U.S. MILITARY FORCES IN TAIWAN.
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